

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method for arranging a synchronization session between a first synchronization device and a second synchronization device, wherein a first synchronization session is set up between the first synchronization device and the second synchronization device, the method comprising:

defining automatically and storing role information on the first synchronization device, which indicates whether the first synchronization device should serve as a client or a sync server in at least one subsequent synchronization session,

checking said role information for the first synchronization device in response to a need for initiating a second synchronization session between the first synchronization device and the second synchronization device, and

initiating the second synchronization session from the first synchronization device in accordance with said role information.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a client initialization message for initiating the first synchronization session is transmitted from the first synchronization device to the second synchronization device,

an error message is received from the second synchronization device,

a server initialization message is transmitted from the first synchronization device to the second synchronization device in response to the error message, and

synchronization server is stored during the role information storing step as the role information for the first synchronization device.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a client initialization message for initiating the first synchronization session is transmitted from the first synchronization device to the second synchronization device,

an acknowledgement is received from the second synchronization device,  
in response to receiving the acknowledgement, synchronization client is stored  
during the role information storing step as the role information for the first synchronization  
device.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the role information is associated  
with the second synchronization device on the basis of the identifier of the second  
synchronization device, and

the role information associated with the identifier of the second synchronization  
device is searched from the stored role information in the first synchronization device in  
response to a need to initiate a second synchronization session with the second  
synchronization device.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said role information is application-  
specific so that separate role information is stored in the device for each application and/or  
application profile in the device.

6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the default value of said  
role information is synchronization client, and the role information is not stored if  
synchronization client is ~~stored~~defined as the role of the device.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said role information is stored in a  
third device that is other than said first or second device.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein storing mapping information  
describing the sameness of data items only on the device, the role of which is  
synchronization server.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data being synchronized is one of the following: user data, device data.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first synchronization device and the second synchronization device support the SyncML standard.

11. (Original) A synchronization system comprising at least a first synchronization device and a second synchronization device, wherein the first synchronization device and the second synchronization device are configured to set up a first synchronization session,

at least one synchronization device is configured to automatically define and store role information that indicates whether the first synchronization device should serve as a client or a sync server in at least one subsequent synchronization session,

at least one synchronization device is configured to check said role information in response to a need for initiating a second synchronization session between the first synchronization device and the second synchronization device, and

the first synchronization device is configured to initiate the second synchronization session in accordance with said role information.

12. (Original) A synchronization system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said role information is stored in a third device that is other than said first or second device.

13. (Original) A synchronization device that is configured to set up a first synchronization session with a second synchronization device, wherein the synchronization device is configured to automatically define and store role information that indicates whether the synchronization device should serve as a client or a sync server in at least one subsequent synchronization session,

the synchronization device is configured to check said role information in response to a need for initiating a second synchronization session with the second synchronization device, and

the synchronization device is configured to initiate the second synchronization session in accordance with said role information.

14. (Original) A synchronization device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the synchronization device is configured to transmit to the second synchronization device a client initialization message for initiating the first synchronization session,

the synchronization device is configured to receive an error message from the second synchronization device,

the synchronization device is configured to transmit to the second synchronization device a server initialization message in response to the error message, and

the synchronization device is configured to store during the role information storing step synchronization server as the role information for the synchronization device.

15. (Original) A synchronization device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the synchronization device is configured to store mapping information describing the sameness of data items only if synchronization server is defined as its role.

16. (Original) A computer program product comprising a program code portion for controlling a synchronization device to set up a first synchronization session with a second synchronization device,

a program code portion for controlling the synchronization device to automatically define and store role information that indicates whether the synchronization device should serve as a client or a sync server in at least one subsequent synchronization session,

a program code portion for controlling the synchronization device to check said role information in response to a need for initiating a second synchronization session with the second synchronization device, and

a program code portion for controlling the synchronization device to initiate the second synchronization session in accordance with said role information.

17. (New) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a role is selected for the first synchronization device for the second synchronization session on the basis of said role information; and the second synchronization session is initiated from the first synchronization device in accordance with the selected role.

18. (New) A synchronization system as claimed in claim 11, wherein a role is selected for the first synchronization device for the second synchronization session on the basis of said role information; and the second synchronization session is initiated from the first synchronization device in accordance with the selected role.

19. (New) A synchronization device as claimed in claim 13, wherein a role is selected for the synchronization device for the second synchronization session on the basis of said role information; and the second synchronization session is initiated from the synchronization device in accordance with the selected role.

20. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a program code portion for selecting a role for the synchronization device for the second synchronization session on the basis of said role information; and wherein the second synchronization session is initiated from the synchronization device in accordance with the selected role.

21. (New) A synchronization system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first synchronization device is configured to transmit to the second synchronization device a client initialization message for initiating the first synchronization session,

the first synchronization device is configured to receive an error message from the second synchronization device,

the first synchronization device is configured to transmit to the second synchronization device a server initialization message in response to the error message, and

the first synchronization device is configured to store, during the role information storing, synchronization server as the role information for the synchronization device.

22. (New) A synchronization system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first synchronization device is configured to store mapping information describing the sameness of data items only if synchronization server is defined as its role.

23. (New) An apparatus configured to set up a first session with a second apparatus, wherein the apparatus is further configured to automatically define and store role information that indicates whether the apparatus should serve as a client or a server in at least one subsequent session,

the apparatus is configured to check said role information in response to a need for initiating a second session with the second apparatus, and

the apparatus is configured to initiate the second session in accordance with said role information.

24. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the apparatus is configured to transmit to the second apparatus a client initialization message for initiating the first session,

the apparatus is configured to receive an error message from the second apparatus,

the apparatus is configured to transmit to the second apparatus a server initialization message in response to the error message, and

the apparatus is configured to store, during the role information storing, server as the role information for the apparatus.

25. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein a client initialization message for initiating the first session is transmitted from the apparatus to the second apparatus,

an acknowledgement is received from the second apparatus,

in response to receiving the acknowledgement, client is stored during the role information storing as the role information for the apparatus.

26. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the role information is associated with the second apparatus on the basis of the identifier of the second apparatus, and the role information associated with the identifier of the second apparatus is searched from the stored role information in the apparatus in response to a need to initiate a second session with the second apparatus.

27. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein said role information is application-specific so that separate role information is stored in the apparatus for each application and/or application profile in the apparatus.

28. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the default value of said role information is client, and the role information is not stored if client is defined as the role of the apparatus.

29. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein said role information is stored in a third apparatus that is other than said apparatus or second apparatus.

30. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein storing mapping information describing the sameness of data items only on the apparatus, the role of which is server.

31. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the apparatus and the second apparatus support the SyncML standard.